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***22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME***

**31st August 2025**

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| **This weekend** | ***30/08/25***  **SATURDAY** | St. Nicholas | 6pm | ***22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*** | *Jack Moran*  *(Anniversary)* |
| ***31/08/25***  **SUNDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:30am | *Martin Sullivan* |
| **Our Lady’s** | 11am | *Leon, Reon, and Sion*  *(Birthdays)* |
| **This Week** | ***01/09/25***  **MONDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:10am |  | *Katie & Diane Moran* |
| ***02/09/25***  **TUESDAY** | **Our Lady’s** | 10am |  | *Bob Wright* |
| ***03/09/25***  **WEDNESDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:10am | ***ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH*** | *Patsy Gudgier* |
| ***04/09/25***  **THURSDAY** | **Our Lady’s** | 10am | ***St Cuthbert, Bishop*** | *Fr Anthony Pathe* |
| ***05/09/25***  **FRIDAY** | St Nicholas | 7pm | ***MASS, ROSARY & EXPOSITION*** | *November Dead List* |
| **Next Weekend** | ***06/09/25***  **SATURDAY** | St. Nicholas | 6pm | ***23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*** | *Peter Heffernan*  *(Anniversary)* |
| ***07/09/25***  **SUNDAY** | St. Nicholas | 9:30am | *Fr John Carter* |
| **Our Lady’s** | 11am | *Mark Anthony Morley* |

***MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK:*** Peter Heffernan, Mark Anthony Morley, Patsy Gudgier, and Walter Cawood.

***THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:*** Dora Graves,Margaret Carry, John Moran, Julie Lowe, Christine O’Toole, John Haynes, Sheila Haynes, Kathleen Gaughan, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Moira Doyle, Anna Gawlik, Rachel, Adah McHugh, Josie Smith, Jane (seriously ill), Pat Doolan, Kieran Sykes, Zoe Reid, Brian Pullan, Bernadette Kelly, Patrick Sullivan, and Terry Cunningham.

***Please remember that there is a story behind everyone named on our sick list and never stop praying for them.***

***Financial Stewardship:***

Envelopes: ***£ 383.37*** Loose: ***£ 243***

Standing Orders for JULY: ***£ 547***

***SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:***

To parents, if your children do not attend either of our schools, but you wish for them to receive the instructions for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation, please fill in the application form. Proof of Baptism is required.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**“Walk humbly with your God”**  
**Chorus**  
This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this,

That you act justly, that you love tenderly,  
That you walk humbly, with your God.”

Ifyou would like a Mass to be said on a particular date, please submit the ***request for mass offerings***, available at church entrance as soon as possible. ***There is no guarantee that a specific date will be available***. And please state if you would prefer the mass to be said at Our Lady’s or St Nicholas.

***THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:*** Please inform us, if you know any sick person in need of a visit by a Priest or a Eucharistic Minister.

***MASS ON THE GRASS***: There will be a Mass on the Grass on Friday 19th of September at 6:30pm, please bring some food to share. ***Please register, Registration form available at the church entrance.***

***HANDMAIDS WOMEN’S GROUP***: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 5th September 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

***RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)***: All those who would like to embrace the Catholic Faith, please fill in the registration form. A complete set of resources for use in the diocese can be found at: https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/sacramental-preparation/sacramentsof-initiation-for-adults/rcia-a-journey-in-faith/ Hopefully, they make life easier for clergy and catechists, and they can be freely adapted to suit your needs. Questions and comments welcome: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

***40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025 INFORMATION EVENING***: 40 Days for Life is a Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. There will be an information evening on Friday 5th September 7-8pm at the Polish Catholic Centre, LS7 4JE.

***RACE NIGHT:*** Catholic Care is hosting a Race Night on Friday 12th September at St Winifred’s Church Hall, Bradford. Tickets are £6 which includes a pie supper. A horse can be secured for £10. Contact Katrina.Greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk or 0113 3885400 for tickets.

***CARITAS LEEDS: “HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT,” Sat 18th October, 10am-2pm***: Hinsley Hall. A morning of prayer, reflection and discussion to help us renew our commitment to putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our parishes, schools and communities. Buffet lunch. To register your interest: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/ 0113 261 8040. This is a joint initiative by the Vicariate for Education and Catholic Care.

***MARCH FOR LIFE 2025***: Join March for Life UK, Saturday 6th September, London. The right to life underpins every other right and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society of their most basic right which is why this year's theme is “Human Rights for All Humans.” Join thousands at this family-friendly event to recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/ or email: [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk).

***CHRIST THE KING/HOLY FAMILY SVP FUNDRAISER****:* Friday 26th September 2025. Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, LS9 7NT. Doors open 7.30pm. Entertainment to include a Ceilidh, Leeds Irish Choir, Joyce O'Donnell Irish Dancers, songs from Paul and John. Raffle, Tombola/Bottle and Cake Stall. "Roll the Coin" Whiskey Bottle Challenge. Adults £5/Children £3. Tickets available from Julie (Irish Centre) 0113 2480887, Peggy Sarsfield (07885 582824), Mollie Jackson (07403 660081).

***PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS***: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm Page 1 of 3 8.15pm: 19th September (Hinsley Hall), 17th October (Hinsley Hall), 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Hinsley Hall). Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

***CATHEDRAL CHOIR FUNDRAISING CONCERT****:* Join the Senior Girls Choir of Leeds Cathedral for a concert raising funds for the Diocese’s Schools Singing Programme. Thursday 18th September, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral – includes Pergolesi’s Stabat Mater. Tickets (£10) available on the door or at https://dolmusic.uk/stabat-mater-2025.

***AUGUST DEVOTION***: This month is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. [The Immaculate Heart of Mary](https://www.amazon.com/Flame-Love-Immaculate-Heart-Mary/dp/1989067026?crid=2QHPGG9HWB35R&keywords=immaculate+heart+of+mary&qid=1678276408&s=books&sprefix=immaculate+heart+o%2Cstripbooks-intl-ship%2C190&sr=1-1&linkCode=ll1&tag=happyhome00e-20&linkId=67c3fff8fdca69719067771027f0effe&language=en_US&ref_=as_li_ss_tl) is a symbol of her perfect love for us and her desire to help us draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. It’s a great idea to start the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in August as a way of honouring the Blessed Mother, thanking her for her great love and intercession, and asking for her help and protection.

***SAINT CUTHBERT*:** Was born about 634 and died on Farne (Northumberland) on 20 March 687. By tradition a shepherd boy, he became monk and later prior at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664, he became prior of Lindisfarne and gradually won over the community to Roman customs. He was most deeply attracted to the life of a hermit and in 676 left the monastery to live in solitude on the island of Inner Farne. He is remembered as the most popular of the Anglo-Saxon saints of Northern England.

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